

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Beth Dewar, Director of the Coordinating Council, coming before the Commissioners requesting their continued support for 2018. The Commissioners have set aside \$5,000 in their budget and Ms. Dewar and the Council is asking for an increase in support to \$10,000. Mr. Sporleder said that they would try \$7,000 for the budget but could not guarantee the increase. Mrs. Dewar stated that they were planning on doing 600 food baskets again this Christmas; she also stated that their pantries supplies were low and only referred people were being helped from the pantry.

Bob Willhite made a motion to do \$7,000 in support of the Coordinating Council for 2018. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Mike Cole, North Vernon Fire Chief, addressed the Commissioners concerning the inspection that was made at the Jennings County Fair Grounds. Mr. Cole said that in the FFA building that fans are being connected to power strips that are being supplied by extension cords. Mr. Cole stated that relocatable power taps should be connected directly to a permanently installed receptacle. Another violation was that unused openings are not properly closed. Mr. Cole stated that unused openings, other than those intended for the operation of equipment, those intended for mounting purposes, or those permitted as part of the design for listed equipment, shall be closed to afford protection substantially equivalent to the wall of the equipment. Where metallic plugs or plates are used with nonmetallic enclosures, they shall be recessed at least 6mm (1/4 inch) from the outer surface of the enclosure. The last violation is in the Beef Barn East Wall – An orange extension cord is being used as a substitute for building wiring. Throughout Agricultural Buildings – Fans have had unlisted orange extension cord wiring altered and connected to fans as supply cords. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances.

Matt Sporleder thanked Mr. Cole for this report and asked that he get in touch with Gregg Wilds, Maintenance Supervisor, and go over these violations with him.

Next was John Post, Recycle Center employee, coming to ask the Commissioners about the extra hours needed at times out at the Recycle Center. Mr. Post says that sometimes people wait till last minute to come to the Center and have a large load and one time the gate broke and it took Mr. Post about an hour to fix. Mr. Post is just wanting the Commissioners to know why sometimes there are extra hours on the time sheets and to get their okay for payroll to pay those hours. The extra hours do not put them in overtime pay but it is extra hours to be paid at straight time.

Bob Willhite made a motion to pay the incidental overage on hours at the Recycle Center. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Peggy Roe with the Health Department came before the Commissioners to ask permission to use their grant monies to purchase two vehicles; they have \$43,345 to use.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the purchase of the vehicles with the grant money. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Sherri Williams, County HR person, came to inform the Commissioners that SIHO had let her know that they would not have board approval on rates to disclose to the bidders for the County Health Insurance until the end of August and Ms. Williams was requesting permission to advertise the change of date to September 15th for the bids to be turned into the Auditor's office. The Commissioners asked Ms. Williams to check with Chris Doran if this could be done.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow September 15, 2017 as the new date for deadline of Insurance bids to be turned into the Auditor's office. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Bernie Hauersperger with FPBH, Inc. came to the Commissioners with the two bids that were received for the Jennings County Community Building Renovation. The two bids were Harmon Construction, Inc for \$682,000 and Bradshaw Building Specialists, Inc. for \$588,665. Mr. Hauersperger explained that there were some alternate options that could be considered to reduce the costs. After much discussion on those and comments made that shortcuts can costs more in the long run the Commissioners decided to select the contractor with the lowest bid.

Bob Willhite made a motion to award the bid to Bradshaw Building Specialists, Inc. with the bid of \$588,665 for the renovation of the Community Building. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Auditor Vance stated that the highway department had requested an ordinance dealing with conflict of interest policy. Ms. Vance stated that Chris Doran had prepared the ordinance and the Commissioners just needed to set the dollar threshold for the ordinance.

Bob Willhite made a motion to waive the first reading and to adopt an Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of Jennings County, Indiana Establishing and Adopting a Conflict of Interest Policy with a dollar threshold of \$100. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Auditor Vance presented an invoice for Holman Excavating of \$29, 124.63 that was sent to the auditor from Jodi Comer with SIRPC. Mrs. Comer is requesting the Commissioners to sign off on the invoice.

Matt Sporleder brought up an issue that he had been contacted on about the Butlerville School property and the county taking over that property.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table this issue until the next meeting; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Auditor Vance stated she had a situation that she needed the Commissioners input. When the county deeded the 1,020 lots to CSL last July it was her understanding that the fall taxes were to be written off and 2017 taxes would be paid. The Assessor lowered all values on these lots to 200 assessed value each making the taxes due \$5 for the year. Larry Greathouse, attorney for CSL, sent a letter to Ellie Bright, County Attorney, stating that the agreement was made where no taxes would be paid until 2018. Auditor Vance stated that no one informed the Auditor, Treasurer or Assessor to this agreement. Mr. Greathouse also informed the office that these lots that have been sold would not be taxable until 2018. The Auditor stated she would need a copy of such agreement in order to write off said taxes for the SBOA audit.

David Lane made a motion to waive the taxes for 2017 for CSL on the lots deeded from the County. Bob Willhite seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed. The Commissioners did want it noted that taxes would be due and payable May 2018.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign claims; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President

Robert Willhite



David Lane